

## **State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance**

February 11, 2020

The Honorable Anne Kaiser Chair, Ways and Means Committee Room 131 House Office Building Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 420 - Property Tax Credit - Public Safety Officer - Definition

Dear Chair Kaiser:

Good afternoon Chair and members of the committee. I am Jimmy Dulay, a First Sergeant with the Maryland State Police, and the President of the State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance (SLEOLA) which is the exclusive representative for approximately 1,800 active law enforcement officers.

I am here to testify in support of HB 420. Recruiting and retention continues to be a struggle for our state law enforcement agencies. House Bill 420 provides a potential tax credit for our state law enforcement officers that is already extended to our law enforcement peers in the counties and municipalities.

I would like to thank the sponsors of this bill, and would ask the committee for favorable support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Dulay President

cc: Members, House Ways and Means Committee